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City of Fremont to Dedicate W. Burdette Williams Historic Park

Fremont, CA – May 5, 2004 – The Dedication of the City of Fremont's W. Burdette Williams Historic Park is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at 4:00 p.m., as an extended celebration of National Historic Preservation Week, May 3-9, 2004. The dedication ceremony will recognize the Mission Peak Heritage Foundation for its donation of a plaque commemorating the contribution of W. Burdette Williams to the City of Fremont and its citizens.

The W. Burdette Williams Historic Park is a one-acre site containing the Chadbourne Carriage House. The carriage house was built in the 1870s by Thomas Jefferson Chadbourne and his wife Nettie. W. Burdette Williams purchased the property from the Chadbourne family in 1947, and subsequently deeded this one-acre site to the City of Fremont in 1963. In 2003 the park underwent a substantial completion process that created a paved plaza suitable for gatherings, raised seating area with arbor, decorative light poles, perimeter fencing, rose trellis over a commemorative plaque provided by the Mission Peak Heritage Foundation, tree up-lighting, benches, drinking fountain, Victorian-style landscaping, irrigation, and turf-covered berms. The project preserved a historic gazebo, an existing rose garden, and a number of existing trees. A new California Buckeye tree was planted to replace a previously existing one.

The public is cordially invited to attend the dedication ceremony, which will include Mayor Gus Morrison and Councilmembers, City Manager Jan Perkins, Parks and Recreation Director Annabell Holland, and Mission Peak Heritage Foundation representative Al Minard. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

The park is located in the heart of Downtown Fremont at 39139 Fremont Boulevard (near Mowry Avenue).

For more information on this park dedication event, please contact the Fremont Parks & Recreation Department at (510) 791-5541 or visit www.Fremont.gov/Visiting/Attractions.

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